(b) if so, whether concessional tariff rates of telephone Department on STD/ISD calling cards are provided ;

(c) if so, whether Government are aware that on Sundays and Holidays when the services are provided at discounted low rates, 'Busy' recorded message is played; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that sufficient technical infrastructure should be created to manage the services during the period when the charges are lower than normal tariff rates ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No such message is played, as the junctions are dimensioned on the basis of expected peak traffic.

Commemorative Stamp in the name of Shri P.S. Varier

3888. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal for the release of a commemorative stamp in the name of Shri P.S. Varier, the founder of Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala is pending before Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, the commemorative stamp will be released since 2002 is the centenary year of the foundation of this world famous Ayurvedic Institution ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been received for release of a commemorative postage stamp on Shri P.S. Varier during the centenary celebrations of Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala in 2002.

(c) The proposal is being placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee for consideration.

Complete Erosion of Government Equity

3889. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN :

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that around 87 public sector undertakings have accumulated a loss of about Rs. 37,970 crores and this has resulted in complete erosion of Government equity;